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**Subject:** FW: MEDIA INQUIRY FOR REVIEW: ORD/OCSP: Formaldehyde, IRIS & TSCA Assessments

Jennifer,

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Jennifer and Bruce –

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I am not sure how you want to handle, but let me know.  
Thanks,

Lahne

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Hey Anna –

We have a media inquiry on formaldehyde.

Can you help wrangle some answers to the IRIS related questions? These are going to be written into one response, I believe.

Thanks.  
Lahne

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**DDL WEEK OF 8/6**

Good morning everyone,

I'm cc'ing in OCSP, as the reporter is specifically requesting a Nancy Beck interview.

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Robert,

I'm working on a story about formaldehyde for our September edition of Downtown Newsmagazine in suburban Detroit. The story is focusing on the health risk of formaldehyde, the EPA's ongoing IRIS assessment of formaldehyde, and the next steps that would occur after the IRIS assessment process is complete.

Could you provide some general information on where the current IRIS assessment of formaldehyde is at, and when that may be released for public comment?

I understand that the assessment was revamped after several years ago after the NAS reviewed IRIS's assessment and critiqued the processes that were used. Could you speak to the changes that were undertaken at IRIS in regard to the way assessments are done, including the formaldehyde assessment and others since 2014?

What is EPA's current position on formaldehyde risks, particularly as it relates to carcinogens. Is it known or suspected as a carcinogen? Is there consensus yet as to what cancer(s) that includes. Will the IRIS assessment speak to this issue?

What steps will take place after the assessment is released?

In regard to TSCA, will formaldehyde undergo any assessment?

Finally, is it possible that Nancy Beck, EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator with the Office of chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention might be available for any comments or a brief phone interview? I believe her experience under three different administrations and work in the industry gives her a unique perspective on toxics and the direction the EPA will be taking in regard to their regulation.

As I stated, I'm hoping to wrap up some basic questions early this week, but I could go later in the week or perhaps beyond for anything more extensive. As Michigan is the home to a major chemical manufacturer (Dow), I believe this topic will be of great interest to our readers, and hope we can offer some unique insight.

Thank you,

Kevin Elliott  
Reporter  
Downtown Publications

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